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FORM B - BUILDING

AUG 07 1989

AREA	FORM NO.
	435.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo. Staple to left side of form.

Town Quincy, MA / MRA

Address 106 Penn Street

Historic Name Quincy Water Company

Pumping Station

Use: Present storage, manufacturing

Original pumping station

DESCRIPTION

Date 1883

Source Patriot Ledger, January 26, 1884.

Style Italianate

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric brick

Outbuildings round well (bricks, shingles)-

see reverse - CST

Major Alterations (with dates) n/a

Condition Fair

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage Less than one acre: 29,588 sq. ft.

Setting The pumping station is located

between Penn Street and Burgin Parkway

in an industrial southwest Quincy

neighborhood.

Recorded by Fannin and Lehner / J. Johnson

Organization Quincy Historical Commission

Date July 1, 1986 / May 1987

Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection(s). Indicate north

SEE ATTACHED MAP

UTM REFERENCE 19/334,350 E/4,677,690 N

USGS QUADRANGLE Blue Hills, MA

SCALE 1: 25,000

**NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)**

The Quincy Water Company Pumping Station possesses integrity of design, location, materials, feeling and association with the development of Quincy's public utilities in the late 19th century. The building and well fulfill Criterion A of the National Register of Historic Places on the local level.

**ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE** Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.

SEE INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE** Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.

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**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

- William Churchill Edwards. Historic Quincy, Massachusetts, 1957, p. 320-21.  
Peter Stott. A Guide to the Industrial Archaeology of Eastern Massachusetts, forthcoming.  
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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Quincy, MA	Form No: 435
Property Name: Quincy Water Co. Pumping Station	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE -- 106 PENN STREET  
QUINCY WATER COMPANY PUMPING STATION**

In response to the expansion of industry and the rapid residential development, Quincy's first utility companies emerged in the late 19th century. Quincy's first public water supply was provided by the Quincy Water Company, chartered in 1883. In that same year a pumping station and a brick-enclosed well was erected on Penn Street, close to the tracks of the Old Colony Railroad. The well, which stands in the station's front yard, tapped the subsurface water available from the Town Brook watershed. From the station, the water was pumped to a standpipe on nearby Penn's Hill, near the Braintree town line, for distribution to the street mains.

Given the growing demand for water services, the Quincy Water Company in 1886-7 constructed the 180 million gallon Quincy Reservoir, also known as the Braintree Dam, near the headwaters of Town Brook in Braintree. The water was then carried to the pumping station via a 12 inch cast iron pipe about one and a quarter miles long. By 1890 the City of Quincy had entered into the planning of the expansion of the Quincy Water Company's system and purchased the Penn Street pumping station in 1892. Faced with a further expansion of the City water system or joining the new Metropolitan Water District, the City of Quincy chose the latter in 1897. After 1899, the use of the pumping station was discontinued and the building is now privately owned. Until at least 1957, the old Quincy Reservoir supplied water for the Quincy Yard and the Old Colony Laundry for industrial purposes.

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**ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE -- 106 PENN STREET  
QUINCY PUMPING STATION**

The 1883 pumping station is a fine example of vernacular Italianate design. This simple brick cross-gabled building was originally the pumping station for the Quincy Water Company. It contained an office, shop, and on the first floor, an apartment for the superintendent. The building's small scale gives it a residential look. Architectural ornamentation is limited to the segmental arched window hoods, granite window sills, and plain cornice board under the eaves. A one-story brick extension on the west elevation had been added by 1888; it is enlivened by a brick corbelled cornice. The original well stands on the property. The round structure is sheathed in bricks and shingles and topped by a shingled roof (contributing).

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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Quincy MRA  
State Norfolk County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
61. Quincy Savings Bank <small>Entered in the National Register</small>	for Keeper <u>Melvyn Byrum</u> 9/20/89 Attest _____
62. Quincy Water Company Pumping Station <small>Entered in the National Register</small>	for Keeper <u>Melvyn Byrum</u> 9/20/89 Attest _____
63. Record, Jonathan Dexter, House <small>Entered in the National Register</small>	for Keeper <u>Melvyn Byrum</u> 9/20/89 Attest _____
64. Reed, Timothy, House <small>Substantive Review</small>	for Keeper <u>Beth L. Savage</u> 9-20-89 Attest _____
65. Richards, Alfred H., House <small>Entered in the National Register</small>	for Keeper <u>Melvyn Byrum</u> 9/20/89 Attest _____
66. Salem Lutheran Church <small>Substantive Review</small>	for Keeper <u>Beth L. Savage</u> 9-20-89 Attest _____
67. Sheppard, Eben W., House <small>Substantive Review</small> <b>DOE/OWNER OBJECTION</b>	for Keeper <u>Eligible - Beth L. Savage</u> 9-20-89 Attest _____
68. Sidelinger, George E., House <small>Entered in the National Register</small>	for Keeper <u>Melvyn Byrum</u> 9/20/89 Attest _____
69. South Junior High School <small>Entered in the National Register</small>	for Keeper <u>Melvyn Byrum</u> 9/20/89 Attest _____
70. Spear, Seth, Homestead <small>Entered in the National Register</small>	for Keeper <u>Melvyn Byrum</u> 9/20/89 Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Quincy Water Company Pumping Station

MULTIPLE NAME: Quincy MRA

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Norfolk

DATE RECEIVED: 8/07/89                      DATE OF PENDING LIST: 8/22/89  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 9/07/89                      DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/21/89  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89001361

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N    DATA PROBLEM: N    LANDSCAPE: N    LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N    PDIL: N    PERIOD: N    PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N    SAMPLE: N    SLR DRAFT: N    NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT     RETURN     REJECT    9/20/89 DATE    Entered in the  
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_  
REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_  
DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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CLASSIFICATION

count       resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

historic       current

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DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

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SIGNIFICANCE

Period      Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates      Builder/Architect  
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

summary paragraph  
 completeness  
 clarity  
 applicable criteria  
 justification of areas checked  
 relating significance to the resource  
 context  
 relationship of integrity to significance  
 justification of exception  
 other

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage       verbal boundary description  
 UTM's       boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps       USGS maps       photographs       presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



106 Penn St. *Water Company*

Quincy Water Co. Pumping Station

by: Fannin / Lehner

at: Planning Dept. - Quincy

date: Spring 1986

view: West

Pict# 435

*West*  
Quincy, <sup>MA</sup> Mass.

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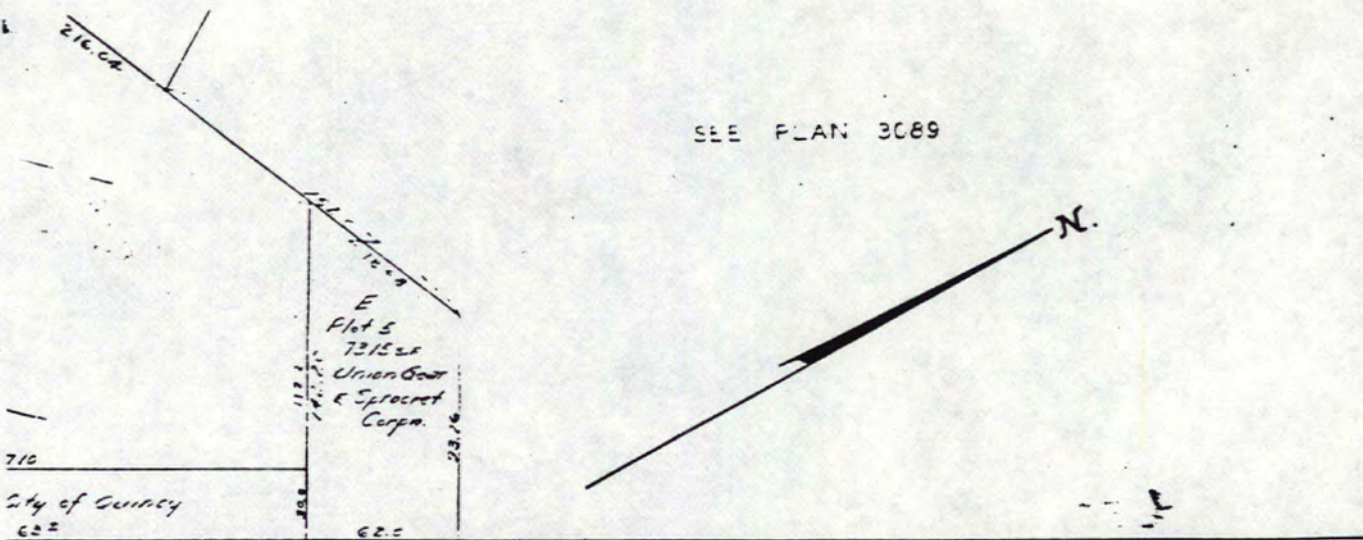
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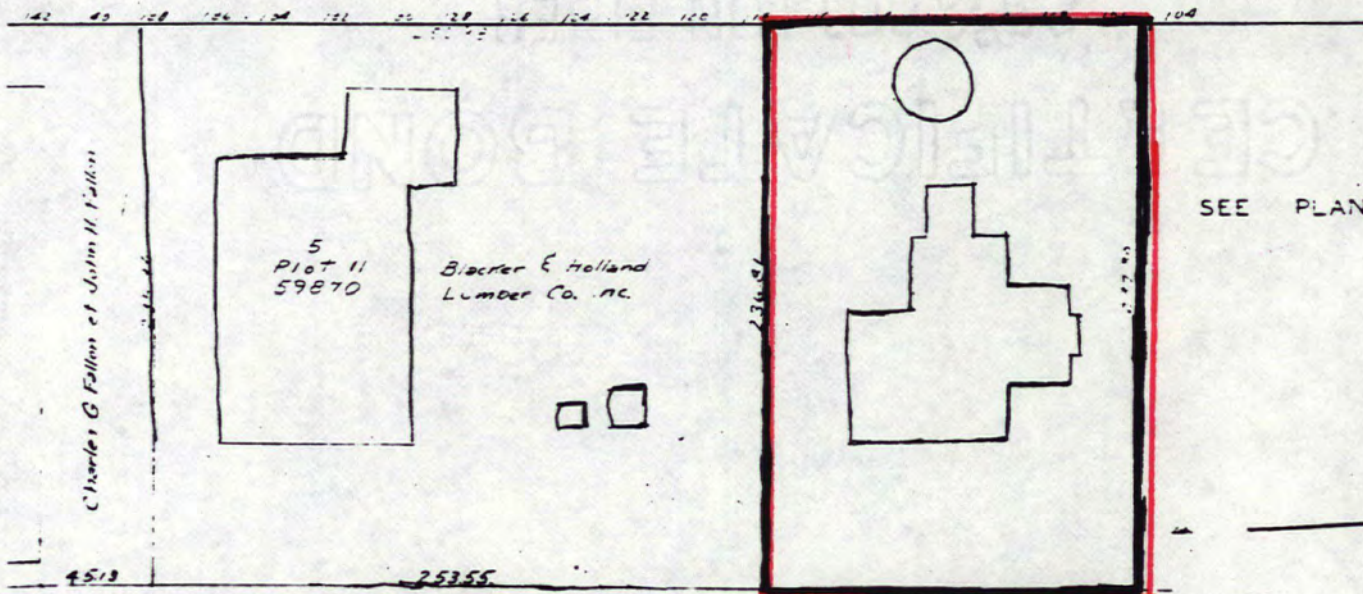
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# 435 MRA  
Quincy, Mass.

SEE PLAN 3089



PENN ST.



Address 106 Penn Street  
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QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS / MRA

Assessors Map # 3091-B

1979

Scale: 1 inch equals 80 feet

Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000289